

Disney CEO Joins Elon Musk In Ditching Trump Over Paris Withdrawal

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New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, the group's vice president, called climate change a grave threat to coastal communities, the nation and the world.

"But let's be very clear, we are moving to a lower carbon future".

President Donald Trump speaks about the USA role in the Paris climate change accord, Thursday, June 1, 2017, in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington. Natural gas ... is such a cleaner fuel ...

Why do we need it? And we will keep challenging ourselves to do even more. 200000 people die in the United States from air pollution and half of our rivers and streams are too polluted for our health.

Climate policy experts note that USA emissions cuts were set to make up more than a fifth of the reductions envisioned between now and 2030.

Why did Donald Trump pull the plug? "She said that the Paris Agreement provides the right global framework for protecting the prosperity and security of future generations, while keeping energy affordable and secure for our citizens and businesses".

Projecting the greenhouse gas emissions of disparate countries over many decades, and how they will change the planet's climate, is no exact science. "Therefore, in order to fulfil my solemn duty to protect America and *its* citizens, the United States will withdraw from the Paris climate accord", he said, and vowed to stand with the American people against "draconian" worldwide deal.

Trump formally announced his decision to leave the historic worldwide agreement after months of teasing the action.

Thankfully, the response to Trump's announcement has been largely swift and severe.

The US was one of 195 nations that agreed to the accord in Paris in December 2015.

The condemnation was quick and unflinching.

"Trump's decision to ditch the Paris deal will leave a fairly big shoe for a single country to fill", Xinhua said, adding that major players such as China, the European Union and India had reiterated their willingness to step up efforts.

"Manufacturers support the spirit of the Paris Agreement and the effort to address climate change through a fair worldwide agreement".

"If the president is going to be AWOL in this profoundly important human endeavor, then California and other states will step up", Brown said.

"I reaffirm clearly that the Paris Agreement remains irreversible and will be implemented not just by France but by all the other nations", Macron vowed.

The shift from coal to gas-fired power plants has also helped the US cut greenhouse gas emissions, which peaked near the end of the Bush administration at above 7 million metric tons of carbon, and dropped to about 6.5 million metric tons by 2015.

Trudeau echoed his statement in a tweet following Trump's announcement: "We are deeply disappointed that the United States federal government has made a decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement".

"In Alaska, we are clearly seeing the effects of a changing climate", he said.

In justifying his decision, Trump cited a National Economic Research Associates study, saying the agreement could cost the United States \$3 trillion by 2040, reducing the industrial job-sector workforce by 6.5 million, including a loss of 3.1 million manufacturing jobs.

What happens to the agreement now that the USA is out? It also calls for an effort to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Several other major companies, including Morgan Stanley, Unilever, Intel and big tech firms, such as Apple, had opposed withdrawal, saying it would have spurred energy innovation in the U.S., among other benefits.

Paul Melia, writing in today's Irish Independent, insists that it isn't. "We did that without Paris, and we will continue our exemplary leadership without it", said Patrick J. Michaels, a climate expert at the Cato Institute. Participation is voluntary, and the United States picked *its* own targets. Oil-rich Texas has solar power.

Johnson told Sky News that Britain still wants the U.S. to take the lead in fighting climate change and called on individual US states to keep making progress on that front. MA has seen a 6pc growth in the clean tech sector over the a year ago, with well over 100,000 jobs created since 2008 thanks to progressive policies.

In addition, business is adapting to the new reality.

Earlier this week, more than 60 percent of Exxon shareholders voted to require that the firm do more analysis and disclosure of the likely impact of tougher climate policies on company revenue. The technology exists to create enough clean energy for the world economy and to avoid total climate catastrophe.